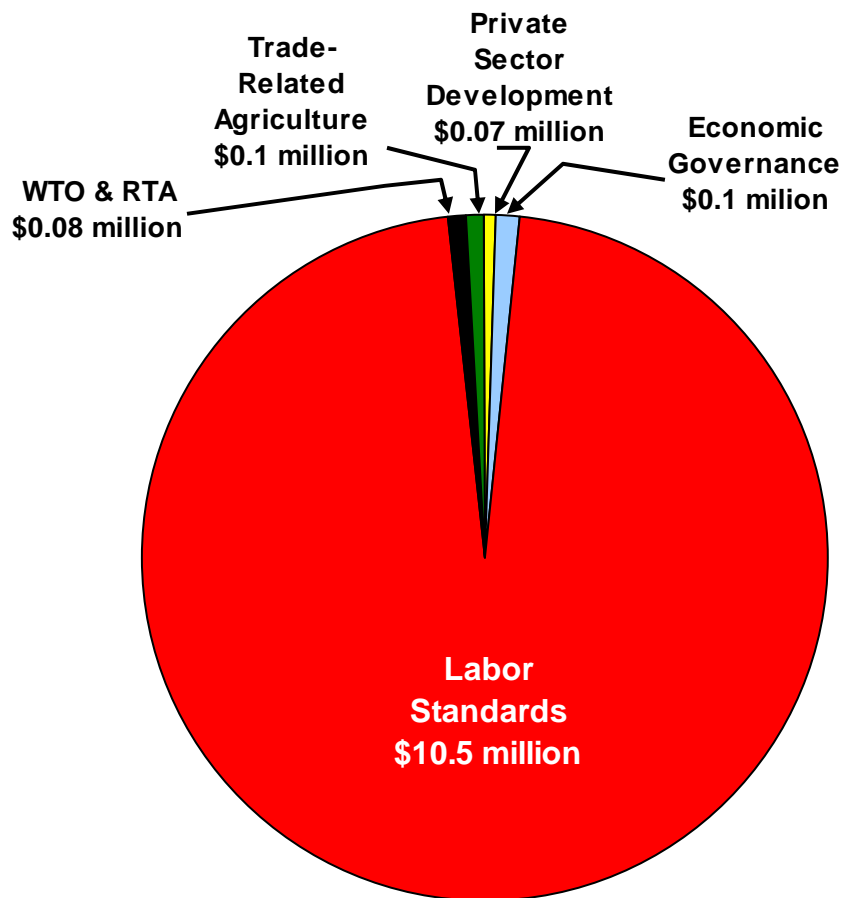


# United States Government Trade Capacity Building Assistance, 2001-2005

## Nepal

Since 2001, the United States Government has provided more than \$10 million in Trade Capacity Building (TCB) assistance to Nepal, most of the funding was provided for the development of labor standards. Over the past five years, resources have been allocated in the following categories:



In addition to this bilateral assistance, Nepal also benefits from many of the regional programs focused on Asia and the Near East. Attached are Country Activity Reports detailing each activity undertaken by the United States Government from 2002 to 2005 for:

- Nepal
- Non-targeted Regional Programs in Asia
- Non-targeted Regional Programs for Asian and Near East

### Additional Resources:

Trade Capacity Building Database: <http://gesdb.cdie.org/tcb/index.html>

USAID Mission in Nepal: [www.usaid.gov/np](http://www.usaid.gov/np)

USAID Nepal Information Page: [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia\\_near\\_east/countries/nepal/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/countries/nepal/)

USAID Asia and Near East Information Page: [http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia\\_near\\_east/](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/asia_near_east/)

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Combating Child Labor Through Education in Nepal (Phase II)	This activity provides capacity to the Government of Nepal to adhere to internationally recognized labor standards, including freedom from child labor, which is a requirement for receipt of U.S. trade benefits. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	3,500,000
Improved Policy Environment	The Improved Policy Environment activity supports a policy program to enhance and facilitate export promotion, and address policy and administrative constraints related to trade capacity building. This activity also focuses on promoting bilateral and multilateral agricultural trade. USAID Nepal is providing technical assistance to the government of Nepal in the areas of customs in support of recent World Trade Organization accession and the Integrated Framework for Least Developed Countries. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nepal.	Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	6,500
		Customs Operation & Administration	25,000
		Export Promotion	6,000
		Other Trade Facilitation	6,500
		Trade-Related Agriculture	6,000
		Activity Total	50,000
Total FY 05 Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Nepal			3,550,000

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
Improved Policy Environment	The Improved Policy Environment activity supports a policy program to enhance and facilitate export promotion, and address policy and administrative constraints related to trade capacity building. This activity also focuses on promoting bilateral and multilateral agricultural trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nepal.	Export Promotion	12,500
		Other Trade Facilitation	12,500
		Trade-Related Agriculture	25,000
		Activity Total	50,000
Nepal Customs Valuation Assistance	U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is providing technical assistance to the Government of Nepal in the area of customs in support of recent World Trade Organization (WTO) accession and the Integrated Framework for Least Developed Countries. Technical assistance will assist Nepal Customs to establish and implement an efficient and effective customs valuation system that is fully compliant with the WTO Valuation Agreement. Specific assistance is being provided for the establishment of an effective risk management/cargo selectivity unit under the existing ASYCUDA system. Technical assistance will also help develop indigenous training capability (e.g. curriculum development and training of trainers). Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	75,000
		Customs Operation & Administration	75,000
		Activity Total	150,000
Total FY 04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Nepal			200,000

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
Improved Agriculture Policy Environment	The activity will support a policy program to address policy and administrative constraints related to trade capacity building. The activity will result in policy reform to promote export and multilateral trading. This activity will address the key issues of agriculture business/trade and marketing of selected commodities. This will promote and increase the agri-business and agriculture trade and marketing of high-value crops such as vegetables, fruits, lentils, tea, coffee, cardamom, ginger, and seeds. The activity will also focus on policy issues to promote export of these commodities. The activity will support a policy program to address policy and administrative constraints related to trade capacity building. The activity will result in policy reform to promote export and multilateral trading. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nepal.	Export Promotion	12,500
		Trade-Related Agriculture	12,500
		Activity Total	25,000
FY03 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Nepal			25,000

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
<b>Agri-business Development</b>	The Agro-enterprise Center (AEC) is the agribusiness arm of the Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industries. The objectives of the AEC are to: (I) increase export of high-value Nepali processed products; (ii) link investors commodity associations and producer groups with markets; (iii) provide support services and information; and (iv) provide a base for industrial trade and agricultural policies. Funded and implemented by USAID/Nepal.	Export Promotion	\$ 20,000
		Trade-Related Agriculture	20,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Human Capacity Development/ Higher Education &amp; Training Systems</b>	This program provides technical assistance to higher education workforce development and training activities in agriculture, agribusiness, trade and related areas. Funded by USAID and implemented by USDA/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>26,111</b>
<b>Nepal Timebound Program Education Initiative</b>	This project will implementation of the basic education component of the Timebound Program initiative in Nepal, which includes the successful integration of children removed from child labor into formal education, and support of improvements in the quality of transitional and non-formal education that precedes integration into the formal school system. Over a four year period, the program aims to reach 17,000 children engaged in worst forms of child labor and an additional 65,000 children at-risk of entering hazardous labor. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>4,000,000</b>
<b>FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to NEPAL</b>			<b>\$ 4,066,111</b>

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Aviation Navigation Technologies Workshop</b>	In March of 2005, the US Trade and Development Agency (TDA) approved a grant of up to \$171,500 for fund an Indefinite Quantity Contract (IQC) for an Asia Regional Technical Symposium (TS) on aviation navigation systems for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) member economies. The TS is scheduled to be held at the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) in August 2005. The workshop, to be held in conjunction with the FAA, aims to develop APEC's capability in implementing and authorizing performance enhancing navigational systems with specific focus on Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigational Performance (RNP) technology, which uses the U.S. GPS system. The symposium will feature topics ranging from flight standards and aircraft certification, to air traffic control and implementation of the RNAV/RNP system. U.S. export potential is extensive given the strength of U.S. suppliers in the Aviation sector. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Other Trade Facilitation	128,932
		Physical Infrastructure Development	32,233
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>161,165</b>
<b>Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Global Harmonization Task Force Seminar</b>	This activity provided training on the Global Harmonization Task Force guidance on quality systems and auditing to encourage harmonization in the way governments regulate medical device manufacturers. Funded by Health & Human Services/FDA and implemented by Department of Commerce.	Agreement on TBT	<b>5,600</b>
<b>Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Trade Capacity Building Projects</b>	The State Department provides funds to support Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) projects with trade related capacity building elements. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>240,400</b>
<b>Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation - DOT funded</b>	The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was created in 1989 to increase trade and development of the Asian Pacific region. The Department was successful in making a major breakthrough in trade liberalization in APEC, having tabled and developed an aviation liberalization initiative in APEC that led to the multilateral Open Skies aviation accord. To date APEC has a total of 21 membership economies. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in inter-modal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	E-Commerce & IT	175,000
		Business Services & Training	125,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	200,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Phase II</b>	Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Phase II is supporting cybersecurity efforts that enable e-commerce and e-transactions in a secure environment. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded by Department of State and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>310,000</b>

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>Disaster Communications Management</b>	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) committed \$100,000 to an Orientation Visit to the United States for thirteen Southeast Asian officials responsible for disaster communications management. The Orientation Visit would be part of a larger government initiative to assist those countries affected by the 2004 tsunami disaster. The activity will support infrastructure development, technology transfer, and productivity improvement in Southeast Asia, leading to greater social and economic development. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>100,000</b>
<b>FASTrade - Asia</b>	FASTrade, in conjunction with the Seldon project, implemented a regional assessment of the Commercial Legal and Institutional Reform (CLIR) and trade facilitation environment in Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Cambodia). This activity focused on the current policy, institutional, and societal barriers to increased commercial activity across the region in a number of key areas related to the impact that trade facilitation and the commercial legal and institutional reforms have on the business environment. This assessment examined the business environment from the public, private, and civil society sector perspectives. Input on issues and recommendations was obtained from government ministries and agencies (as appropriate based on individual country circumstances), private companies/firms/commercial enterprises (domestic and foreign, large, small, medium, and micro sized organizations), and non-governmental, academic, and research organizations. This activity is in support of the US-Thailand FTA negotiations. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	<b>200,000</b>
<b>Intellectual Property Rights Protection and Enforcement - Asia</b>	This activity supports the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) for Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) enforcement training conference in Bangkok, Thailand, April 1-9, 2005. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Justice/Criminal Division.	Agreement on TRIPs	<b>38,580</b>
<b>International Business Linkage IT Program</b>	The International Business Linkage Information Technology (IT) Program will assist IT companies to understand the U.S. business market, improve their international business practices (e.g. elevator pitches, gathering market information, etc) and then meet like-focused U.S. companies that could potentially form business alliances (e.g. Venture Capitalists, U.S. Entrepreneurs) through business networking events and individualized meetings. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>210,000</b>
<b>Invasive Species Network in Asia Region</b>	This activity focuses on developing a network in the Asia and Pacific region that facilitates information sharing, builds capacity and develops tools to manage forest invasive species. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	<b>40,000</b>
<b>Last Mile Initiative</b>	The Last Mile Initiative will enable people to engage in global e-commerce/trade through buying and selling of goods and services. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>300,000</b>

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>Peace Corps - Asia</b>	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology, (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills, and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	E-Commerce & IT	136,300
		Business Services & Training	136,300
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>272,600</b>
<b>Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME) Financing and Capacity Building Workshop</b>	In 2005, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) provided \$195,000 in funding materials for two-day APEC Regional Small-to-Medium Enterprises (SME) Financing and Capacity Building Workshop. This workshop is in response to a direct request by the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will be held in coordination with the Thai Ministry of Industry. SMEs represent the backbone of the APEC region, comprising on average 95 percent of all enterprises. The workshop will highlight programs, applications, and services that can be used to improve SME financing and disaster recovery activities in the region. The workshop will also support market-oriented reform, productivity improvement, and human capacity building. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Business Services & Training	39,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	58,500
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	39,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	58,500
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>195,000</b>
<b>Southeast Asia Assessment (Seldon)</b>	This activity assesses the commercial law and trade environment of Southeast Asian countries, providing actionable recommendations and plans for follow up. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/EG.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Support for Control of Coconut Beetle</b>	This activity supported a meeting to share information and promote collaboration in controlling a coconut beetle in the Asia and Pacific region. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture.	Agreement on SPS	<b>20,000</b>
<b>Technical Assistance on Competition Policy - Asia</b>	The U.S. Department Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) are providing technical assistance to members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The program addresses the objectives of sound competition policy and institution building issues, as well as sharing the experience of the FTC and DOJ in detecting, investigating, and appropriately remedying anticompetitive conduct and primarily takes the form of regional seminars. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Justice/Antitrust Division.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	<b>27,789</b>



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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
<b>Technical and Training Support to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)</b>	The ASEAN-US Technical Assistance Training Facility is designed to advance the goals of the US ASEAN Cooperation Plan (ACP) and contribute to the effort by ASEAN to become a stronger regional institution. Accordingly, it endeavors to: (1) strengthen the capacity of the Secretariat to fulfill its mandate to initiate, advise, coordinate, and implement effective ASEAN activities, and (2) enhance ASEAN integration and cooperation consistent with the Vientiane Action Plan (VAP). The Facility is implementing multiple distinct activity streams: (1) Trade Negotiations, (2) Trade-related Coordination and Consultation, (3) ASEAN Tariff Harmonization, (4) Investment, (5) Services, (6) Rules of Origin, and (7) Strengthened Human Resources. Facility activities consist of policy studies, assessments, and training. From January to June 2005, the Facility launched 25 activities, and over 200 ASEAN Member Country representatives and Secretariat staff members have benefited from Facility training. Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	<b>1,782,000</b>
<b>Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference Briefing Book</b>	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will provide \$100,000 for development of a Briefing Book in support of a Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference for South Asia in India in the Fall 2005/Winter 2006. The Conference will bring together U.S. and South Asian policy and industry leaders to discuss policy and project opportunities in the transportation and trade facilitation area. The World Bank, Asian Development Bank and developing countries are making transportation infrastructure and trade facilitation a priority sector for investment because of its impact on trade and development. This region and sector represents significant opportunities for U.S. exports and for creating relationships between U.S. companies and South Asian business and government entities. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	50,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	50,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference Organizer</b>	The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will provide \$200,000 for a conference organizer to support the Transportation Trade Facilitation Conference for South Asia in India in the Fall 2005/Winter 2006. The Conference will bring together U.S. and South Asian policy and industry leaders to discuss policy and project opportunities in the transportation and trade facilitation area. The World Bank, Asian Development Bank and developing countries are making transportation infrastructure and trade facilitation a priority sector for investment because of its impact on trade and development. This region and sector represents significant opportunities for U.S. exports and for creating relationships between U.S. companies and South Asian business and government entities. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	100,000
		Physical Infrastructure Development	100,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>200,000</b>

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<b>US Asia Environmental Partnership (USAEP) Regional</b>	The US Asia Environmental Partnership (USAEP) is working in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide technical assistance in developing improved policies and practices in environmental compliance and enforcement in India, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Specific initiatives include an environmental court in Thailand, administrative penalties in India, inspection procedures and agency adjudication in the Philippines, self-monitoring regulations in Thailand and pollution charge programs and environmental funds in Vietnam. As a result, these Asian governments can better enforce environmental regulations and standards to promote regional cooperation and further strengthen compliance with environmental requirements, USAEP and other partners have established a new regional practitioner network, the Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN). Funded and implemented by USAID/RDM/Asia.	Environmental Trade & Standards	<b>180,000</b>
<b>Workshops to Harmonize Phytosanitary Regulations in Asia-Pacific Seed Trade</b>	In cooperation with the American Seed Trade Association and the Asia Pacific Seed Association, the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducted a series of six regional workshops, with government and private sector representatives, to bolster phytosanitary regulations and streamline import/export procedures for planting seeds. Results included a common systematic approach for technical analysis of quarantine regulations and a subsequent depurated list of quarantine pests for the ten pre-selected seed crops, for intra- and extra-regional seed trade, based on scientific information and increased transparency. Participating countries agreed to reduce from 241 to 59 quarantine pests, equivalent to a 75 percent overall reduction of pathogens from the original lists presented by each country. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Total FY 05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Asia, ns</b>			<b>5,483,134</b>

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<b>ASEAN IPR Protection and Enforcement</b>	The U.S. State Department Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), working with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training (OPDAT) and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, will provide support for ASEAN-wide regional training on optical media piracy and hard-goods counterfeiting. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Justice.	Agreement on TRIPs	<b>220,000</b>
<b>Addressing Illegal Environmental Trade in the ASEAN Region</b>	Through a conference in Singapore involving both senior level officials from the governments and civil society experts, along with NGO-organized workshops at Singapore and Kuala Lumpur's airports, this activity intends to build the capacity of law enforcement officers and of regional airlines to screen cargo and to investigate shipments suspected of violating international agreements such as CITES and Montreal Protocol. Funded and implemented by Department of State.	Environmental Trade & Standards	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Asian Development Bank Counter-Terrorism Technical Advisory Services</b>	The Definitional Mission to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila, Philippines, will help U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) to define a scope of work and budget for a Technical Advisor to help develop a counter-terrorism project implementation pipeline in cooperation with the ADB. This Technical Advisor would recommend technical assistance, capacity building, feasibility studies and other project preparation activities for USTDA funding consideration, as well as draft terms of reference and budgets for such projects. This activity would lead to the identification and support of counter-terrorism trade capacity building initiatives in areas such as customs operations and administration, the use of information technology, and physical infrastructure development in Asia. (Activity# 200430008A) Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation - DOT funded</b>	The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was created in 1989 to increase trade and development of the Asian Pacific region. The Department was successful in making a major breakthrough in trade liberalization in APEC, having tabled and developed an aviation liberalization initiative in APEC that led to the multilateral Open Skies aviation accord. To date APEC has a total of 21 membership economies. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in inter-modal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	E-Commerce & IT	187,500
		Business Services & Training	187,500
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	375,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>750,000</b>
<b>Asian Pacific Economic Cooperation - TDA funded</b>	The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation was created in 1989 to increase trade and development of the Asian Pacific region. The Department was successful in making a major breakthrough in trade liberalization in APEC, having tabled and developed an aviation liberalization initiative in APEC that led to the multilateral Open Skies aviation accord. To date APEC has a total of 21 membership economies. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in inter-modal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded by Trade and Development Agency and implemented by Department of Transportation.	E-Commerce & IT	437,500
		Business Services & Training	437,500
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	875,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>1,750,000</b>

Source: USG Trade Capacity Building Database, USAID Development Information Services, <http://qesdb.cdie.org/tcb/index.html>.

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<b>Biotechnology Short Course</b>	The U.S. Department of Agriculture's office for International Cooperation and Development (ICD), in coordination with Michigan State University, conducted its fourth short course in agricultural biotechnology, to prepare participants to play an informed and guiding role in public debate and discussion on biotechnology in their home countries. Participants had sessions on the science of biotechnology, but the course focused on the relationship between biotechnology and market access and trade in agricultural products, and the factors that influence that relationship. Twenty-one participants from six countries in South East Asia attended from local and national level government bodies, private industry, media, nongovernmental organizations, and universities. Core training program covered such topics as research and development, biotech regulations, international organizations, global economy, marketing and consumers, and food security and technical assistance. Sept. 28-Oct. 10, 2004. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>136,500</b>
<b>Bioterrorism Regulations Outreach</b>	Discussion of registration of food facilities and prior notice of imported food shipments and interim regulations. Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	<b>47,245</b>
<b>Combating Child Labor in Central Asia</b>	Provides capacity to governments to adhere to internationally recognized labor standards, including freedom from child labor, which is a requirement for receipt of U.S. trade benefits. Funded and implemented by Department of Labor/ILAB.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>2,500,000</b>
<b>Competition Policy Assistance to the Association of Southeast Asian Nation</b>	U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Free Trade Commission (FTC) are providing technical assistance to the following members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-Indonesia, Laos, Thailand, Philippines, and Vietnam. The program shares the experience of the FTC and DOJ in detecting, investigating, and appropriately remedying anticompetitive conduct and primarily takes the form of regional seminars. The assistance has also included some bilateral assistance to Vietnam, which is in the process of adopting an antitrust law. The ASEAN secretariat participates in our events and co-sponsors some of them. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Justice/Antitrust Division.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	<b>3,739</b>
<b>Global Positioning System Demonstration-Global Navigation Satellite System</b>	This technical assistance will support a global positioning system demonstration test bed project in Southeast Asia. The test bed project facilitate the research, development, acquisition, and implementation efforts of an operational air navigation system based on Global Positioning System (GPS) and Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) technologies. The project would also support a uniform implementation of GPS throughout the APEC region. (Activity# 200430046B) Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>675,000</b>
<b>International Business Linkage IT Program</b>	The International Business Linkage Information Technology (IT) Program will assist IT companies to understand the U.S. business market, improve their international business practices (e.g. elevator pitches, gathering market information, etc) and then meet like-focused U.S. companies that could potentially form business alliances (e.g. Venture Capitalists, U.S. Entrepreneurs) through business networking events and individualized meetings. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>275,000</b>

Source: USG Trade Capacity Building Database, USAID Development Information Services, <http://qesdb.cdie.org/tcb/index.html>.

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<b>Partnerships to Combat Trafficking of Wildlife and Forest Products</b>	The goal of this project is to reduce trade in illegal and unsustainably harvested natural resources products in Southeast Asia (particularly in Thailand and Cambodia), thus contributing to conservation of wildlife. The project will achieve this deal by raising awareness and creating social incentives for citizens to participate in biodiversity conservation, and by strengthening the capacity of government agencies in the region to enforce protected area and wildlife trade laws. The activity will provide (1) continuation and expansion of the regional conservation awareness program in Southeast Asia (2) support to strengthen the capacity of the mobile enforcement unit to interrupt the illegal wildlife trade and respond to hotline calls (3) support to strengthen a regional NGO-Government nature protection training program, including a new Cambodian Government-WildAid "National Protected Areas Training Center" and an existing training base at Khao Yai National Park in Thailand Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Environmental Trade & Standards	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Phytosanitary Regulatory Harmonization and Accreditation: Asia-Pacific Regi</b>	This project supported a series of workshops where plant quarantine officials from India, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam advanced an initiative to harmonize their seed phytosanitary regulations, streamline import/export procedures, and continue a science-based process to help eliminate ineffective quarantine regulations that currently impede international seed trade. The workshops yielded participants' agreement on revised quarantine pest lists for ten priority seed crops. Overall, the countries' original intra-region an extra-region lists were reduced by 75 and 55 respectively and it is anticipated that each participating country will approve and implement their revised quarantine pest lists early next year. By highlighting and reducing unnecessarily regulated pests and clarifying phytosanitary procedures among the participating countries, this project is promoting efficient plant health measures. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Agreement on SPS	<b>98,651</b>
<b>Scientific Cooperation Research Program Collaboration with Pacific Islands</b>	The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Scientific Cooperation Research Program helps solve critical market and trade related problems affecting food, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and the environment in both collaborating countries worldwide and the United States through joint research and scientific exchanges. USDA researchers and scientists in the Pacific Islands, using biotechnology and other tools to identify slug and snail pests which cause agricultural losses and constrain exports of specialty crops, will use a resulting manual to train quarantine and extension personnel in the Pacific region who are the first line of defense against the spread or establishment of new pest species. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>14,500</b>
<b>South Asia Regional Initiative - Energy</b>	The objective of South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI)-Energy is to promote mutually beneficial energy linkages among the nations of South Asia. A principal focus of program activity is to analyze, advocate, and spread understanding of the benefits of regional energy trade and to build capacity in relevant organizations for analyzing trade opportunities and negotiating 'win-win' solutions. Specific studies have included technical pre-feasibility and socio-economic benefits of a multi-purpose bridge between India and Sri Lanka and the socio-economic benefits of power trading in the region. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Business Services & Training	161,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	49,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	490,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>700,000</b>

Source: USG Trade Capacity Building Database, USAID Development Information Services, <http://qesdb.cdie.org/tcb/index.html>.

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Trade Facilitation	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology, (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills, and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	E-Commerce & IT	316,450
		Business Services & Training	316,450
		Activity Total	632,900
U.S. Asia Environmental Partnership	The project aims to support reforms in policies, laws, regulations and environmental standards, and the use of modern technology to achieve cleaner cities and industries in Asia, with a focus on improving air and water quality in an urban setting. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Business Services & Training	230,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	1,380,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	690,000
		Activity Total	2,300,000
Total FY04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Asia ns			10,728,535

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
<b>APEC</b>	The Department has underway an effort to have APEC economies accede to the Multilateral Agreement on Liberalization of International Air Transportation. To date six economies have signed the agreement. There are also on-going efforts in the APEC transportation working group to assist developing economies in air negotiations. APEC is also implementing efforts in intermodal transportation and e-commerce activities. Funded and implemented by Department of Transportation.	E-Commerce & IT	125,000
		Business Services & Training	125,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	250,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>Acrylamide Food Network</b>	In October 2002, the Joint Institute for Food and Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) joined forces with World Health Organization (WHO) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to form the Acrylamide Food Network, a website that shares information and serves as a transparent public data repository to aid in understanding whether acrylamides formed during food processing present a public health risk. This internet-based information exchange vehicle is available at <a href="http://www.acrylamide-food.org/">http://www.acrylamide-food.org/</a> . Funded and implemented by Health & Human Services/FDA.	Agreement on SPS	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Asia Biotechnology Outreach</b>	The U.S. Department of Agriculture is developing a pilot workshop for 8-9 Asian members of Asian Pacific Economic Council to provide farmers with information on agricultural biotechnology and to discuss farmer and farm-organization roles and strategies in technology transfer and adoption. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>60,000</b>
<b>Asia Embassy Science Fellow Biotechnology Program</b>	Three U.S. scientists are working in U.S. Embassies in China, India and Vietnam to help implement agricultural biotechnology laws and policies, provide training and technical assistance on food safety risk assessment and conduct outreach to the media, government regulators, scientists, selected non-governmental organizations, and the private sector with science-based information. Such training and technical assistance can facilitate trade in agricultural biotechnology products. Funded and implemented by Department of Agriculture/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>18,000</b>
<b>International Business Linkage IT Program</b>	The International Business Linkage Information Technology (IT) Program will assist IT companies to understand the US business market, improve their international business practices (e.g., elevator pitches, gathering market information, etc.), and then meet like-focused US companies that could potentially form business alliances (e.g., Venture Capitalists, US Entrepreneurs) through business networking events and individualized meetings. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>400,000</b>

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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
<b>STAR Conference</b>	This conference brought representatives from all 21 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) economies together to discuss means to improve security at ports and airports. The impact of increased security on trade facilitation was discussed at length. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency.	Customs Operation & Administration	99,651
		Other Trade Facilitation	99,651
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>199,301</b>
<b>South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI) / Energy (co-funding from EGAT Bureau)</b>	Supports reforms to harmonize regulations and standardize appliance standards in South Asia. Funded by USAID/EGAT/ENV and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Environmental Trade & Standards	600,000
		Other Services Development	600,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>
<b>South Asia Regional Initiative/Energy</b>	Supports reforms to harmonize regulations and standardize appliance standards in South Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Business Services & Training	425,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	170,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	1,020,000
		Other Services Development	85,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>1,700,000</b>
<b>Trade Facilitation</b>	Peace Corps Volunteers are working at the community level with Host Country organizations and individuals to build their capacity to participate in global trade by helping to: (1) integrate information communication technology, (2) provide training in entrepreneurship skills, and (3) to develop sustainable production and marketing efforts. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	E-Commerce & IT	162,000
		Business Services & Training	162,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>324,000</b>
<b>US Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP)</b>	Supports reforms in policies, laws, regulations and environmental standards, and the use of modern technology to achieve cleaner cities and industries in Asia. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Business Services & Training	300,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	1,800,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	900,000
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>



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Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
US North Africa Economic Partnership (USNAEP)	Activities support improvements in commercial policies, laws and regulations in Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. The North Africa Regional Trade and Investment Initiative is part of the multi-agency U.S-North Africa Economic Partnership (USNAEP) effort to address the legal, policy and regulatory constraints to increasing trade and investment in the Maghreb: Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia. The initiative seeks to: (1) reform regulations, procedures, and policies to improve the trade and investment climate in North Africa; (2) establish an internet-based network to match business opportunities in North Africa with businesses in the United States; and (3) facilitate internet/e-commerce-related activities in the region. Work is underway in Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria to strengthen commercial law, promote U.S.-Maghreb university partnerships, provide business training, develop debt markets, and promote the development of internet and communications technologies. Funded by USAID/ANE and implemented by Department of Treasury.	WTO Awareness	600,000
		Business Services & Training	900,000
		Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	900,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	600,000
		Activity Total	3,000,000
Total FY03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Asia NS			10,411,301

**United States Government**  
**FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)**  
**ASIA NS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
<b>200230056A - Aviation Security Conference</b>	TDA approved funding of \$265,780 to organize a two-and-a-half day regional Aviation Security conference in Bangkok, Thailand. An additional \$45,000 was appropriated in May 2002 to help cover delegate air travel to and from the conference. Approximately 45 delegates from all APEC member countries will attend the conference, which will focus on matching project sponsors with U.S. providers of technology solutions in aviation security. Technology applications including baggage screening, trace detection, biometrics, and related software will be covered in the conference. 150-200 delegates representing not only the APEC countries but also various U.S. agencies such as the FAA and Transportation Security Administration will attend the conference. Export potential for U.S. made technology will vary depending on how APEC countries choose to update their security systems. The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) is the sole-sourced Grantee/Contractor. The conference took place in June 2002. Funded and implemented by Trade Development Agency.	Physical Infrastructure Development	<b>307,780</b>
<b>200230057A - APEC AgBiotech Public-Private Partnership Forum</b>	TDA approved funding of \$265,780 to organize a two-and-a-half day regional Aviation Security conference in Bangkok, Thailand. An additional \$45,000 was appropriated in May 2002 to help cover delegate air travel to and from the conference. Approximately 45 delegates from all APEC member countries will attend the conference, which will focus on matching project sponsors with U.S. providers of technology solutions in aviation security. Technology applications including baggage screening, trace detection, biometrics, and related software will be covered in the conference. 150-200 delegates representing not only the APEC countries but also various U.S. agencies such as the FAA and Transportation Security Administration will attend the conference. Export potential for U.S. made technology will vary depending on how APEC countries choose to update their security systems. The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) is the sole-sourced Grantee/Contractor. The conference took place in June 2002. Funded and implemented by Trade Development Agency.	Trade-Related Agriculture	<b>80,000</b>
<b>Accelerating Economic Recovery in Asia (AERA)</b>	The five-year AERA initiative emerged in response to the Asian financial crisis. AERA assists Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam to reform their economic systems to avoid future financial crisis. AERA has three objectives: 1) creates and save jobs 2) improve the targeting and coverage of safety nets and 3) improve economic governance. To date, AERA-funded activities have helped the Governments of Indonesia and the Philippines to pass legislative reforms in government procurement, bankruptcy, arbitration, and consumer protection. In Indonesia, legislation has been drafted and enacted for bank and enterprise restructuring, anti-corruption, arbitration, and secured transactions. In the Philippines, legislation has been drafted for securities regulation and bankruptcy. In Thailand, AERA has helped improve bank supervision and training and provided technical assistance and training to small and medium-sized enterprises. In Vietnam, AERA has helped strengthen the banking sector by conducting an audit of INCOMBANK. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE/AERA.	Business Services & Training	3,360,500
		Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	2,016,300
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	1,344,200
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>6,721,000</b>

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**ASIA NS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
<b>Asia: Trafficking of Children</b>	This project will continue the work started under the first phase of the USDOL-funded project in Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, with the addition of Indonesia and Thailand. The project will address national and sub-regional aspects of trafficking, including direct action and policy work (national action plans). The project aims to withdraw and/or prevent over 5,000 children from exploitative labor or prevent them from being trafficked. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	<b>3,000,000</b>
<b>Business Development Peace Corps</b>	Business Development projects provided skills transfer through business training and created linkages for increased access to credit, markets, ICT, and community resources. Funded and implemented by Peace Corps.	E-Commerce & IT	197,100
		Business Services & Training	197,100
		<b>Activity Total</b>	<b>394,200</b>
<b>Cybercrime Regional Workshops</b>	Support 2 regional (one in Asian, one in the MENA) Cybercrime Workshops. Focus: to create the legal and regulatory framework needed to promote trust and security in the Internet and related Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). The program will focus on the need for the need for (1) appropriate substantive laws to deter criminal misuse of and attacks on computer networks and (2) appropriate procedural laws to govern government access to information in order to investigate and deter all sorts of crime facilitated by computer networks. Funded by USAID/ANE and implemented by USAID/EGAT.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Global Standards &amp; Information Program</b>	The objectives of the on-going program are: (1) to assist U.S. industry to overcome technical barriers to trade caused by restrictive normative standards, testing or other conformity assessment procedures, and by measurement problems in major existing or developing markets, and (2) to encourage adoption of U.S. technology and concepts into standards and conformity assessment rules to facilitate and enhance trade. Technical assistance to countries through workshops and seminars has proven effective in promoting U.S. influence throughout the world. This program was initially authorized in 1995, and is funded on an annual basis. Funded and implemented by National Institute of Standards & Technology.	Agreement on TBTs	<b>90,000</b>
<b>ICT Competitiveness Survey</b>	The export-oriented IT-enabled services or eServices sector provides tremendous opportunities for developing economies, especially those that face problems of scarce capital, inadequate infrastructure, geographic isolation, and limited natural resources. This sector is unique in that it combines high-income generation potential with low barriers to entry. Furthermore, since it is possible to deliver the service via the Internet, entrepreneurs in developing countries can avoid common transport barriers such as poor shipping infrastructure, corrupt customs facilities, and landlocked geographic locations. With particularly low overhead and labor costs, ANE based eServices companies offer a highly cost competitive. Funded by USAID/ANE and implemented by USAID/EGAT.	E-Commerce & IT	<b>150,000</b>

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**FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)**  
**ASIA NS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
Intellectual Property Training	Thailand and 10 other countries in the region participated in intellectual property enforcement training. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Department of Justice.	Agreement on TRIPS	49,000
Telecom Policy & Trade Negotiation Workshop	Conduct a regional workshop to promote greater understanding by ANE Missions of the linkages between Telecom policies and Trade related agreements, e.g., WTO accession. Funded by USAID/ANE and implemented by USAID/EGAT.	WTO Awareness	25,000
		E-Commerce & IT	25,000
		Activity Total	50,000
FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to ASIA NS (Non-specified)			\$ 10,941,980

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**2005 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)**  
**SOUTHERN ASIA NS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 05 Total
Develop Competition Policy Enforcement	The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) are providing technical assistance to develop a more coherent regional competition policy that will reinforce Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries integration, improve commercial law systems that contribute to greater international trade and investment in ASEAN region, and improve legal and regulatory practices consistent with international norms and broader U.S. interests. This assistance has primarily taken the form of regional seminars in which FTC and DOJ career staff transfer their practical skills with ASEAN member countries. The program enhances these authorities’ ability to take action against anti-competitive practices that inhibit trade and investment as well as harm domestic consumer welfare. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Federal Trade Commission/ITA.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	713,546
Labor Rights in the Global Economy - Southern Asia	This activity promotes workers rights and labor standards in the Southern Asia region. Funded and implemented by USAID/DCHA.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	56,400
South Asia Free Trade Area Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops	The objective of the proposed South Asia Free Trade Area (SAFTA) Stakeholder Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops is to support trade liberalization within South Asia so as to accelerate regional economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction and to promote political and economic cooperation. There will be three phases involving consultations in the region, preparations of international and country-specific papers, and an orientation workshop and a final regional conference involving participants from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), public and private sector, USG agencies, and/or other donors. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	480,000
South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI) - Energy	The objective of the South Asia Regional Initiative (SARI)-Energy is to promote mutually beneficial energy linkages among the nations of South Asia to provide increased regional energy security, cross-border energy trading and regional economic stability. A principal focus of the program is to analyze, advocate, and spread understanding of the benefits of regional energy trade and to build capacity in relevant public and private energy organizations that will create trade opportunities and result in ‘win-win’ solutions. Specific studies have included technical pre-feasibility and socio-economic benefits of a regional trade project linking India and Sri Lanka and the socio-economic benefits of regional transmission links to support power trading. Additional initiatives included support for regulatory reform and restructuring support including promoting unbundling and commercialization of publicly-owned energy sector companies. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Business Services & Training	150,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	50,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	50,000
		Activity Total	250,000
Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Southern Asia NS			1,499,946

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**2004 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)**  
**SOUTHERN ASIA NS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 04 Total
ASEAN Competition Policy Enforcement Development	The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) are providing technical assistance to develop a more coherent regional competition policy that will reinforce ASEAN integration, improved commercial law systems that contribute to greater international trade and investment in ASEAN and legal and regulatory practices consistent with international norms and broader U.S. interests. This assistance has primarily taken the form of regional seminars in which FTC and DOJ career staff transfer their practical skills with ASEAN member countries. The program enhances these authorities’ ability to take action against anticompetitive practices that inhibit trade and investment as well as harm domestic consumer welfare. Funded by Department of State and implemented by Federal Trade Commission/ITA.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	34,000
Labor Rights in the Global Economy	Support to the Southeast Asia Labor Network on International Financial Institutions (ALNI), to promote labor rights. Activities conducted by the Soldarity Center, a U.S. nongovernmental organization. Funded and implemented by USAID/DCHA.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	56,400
South Asia Free Trade Area Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops	The objective of the proposed South Asia Free Trade Area (SAFTA) Stakeholder Collaboration, Assessment, and Workshops is to support trade liberalization within South Asia so as to accelerate regional economic growth, job creation, and poverty reduction and to promote political and economic cooperation. There will be three phases involving consultations in the region, preparations of international and country-specific papers, and an orientation workshop and a final regional conference involving participants from South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), public and private sector, USG agencies, and/or other donors. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Regional Trade Agreements (RTA)	200,000
South Asia Seminar on Navigating Export Requirements in a Global Market	The two day seminar on Navigating Export Requirements in a Global Market took place in Kathmandu, Nepal. The seminar was for public and private sector participants from three South Asian LDCs: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal. This ‘hands on’ seminar helped participants gain a better understanding of the market requirements their products will have to meet to compete globally in the context of the Multi-Fiber Agreement phase-out on December 31, 2004. The seminar touched on such topics as market research, international distribution channels, and trade rules and regulations (GSP, SPS, customs, IPR). The seminar was co-sponsored by U.S. Agency for International Development and United States Trade Representative (USTR), along with the Department of Agriculture/APHIS, Department of Commerce/ITA, U.S. Patent and Trademarks Office, and the U.S. Embassy. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE.	Agreement on SPS	19,621
		Agreement on TBT	9,810
		Agreement on Anti-Dumping	9,810
		Agreement on Customs Valuation Methods	9,810
		Agreement on Rules of Origin	9,810
		Agreement on TRIPs	9,810
		Customs Operation & Administration	9,810
		Export Promotion	49,052
		Business Services & Training	49,052
		Governance/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coordination	19,621
Activity Total		196,207	
Total FY04 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Southern Asia NS			486,607

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***SOUTHERN ASIA NS***

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 03 Total
<b>Communications Infrastructure Conference</b>	The conference will bring U.S. and South Asian government and private sector officials together to discuss mutually beneficial policies and project implementation strategies for the information technology sector. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200330035A)	E-Commerce & IT	<b>210,000</b>
<b>Communications Infrastructure Briefing Materials</b>	The conference will bring U.S. and South Asian government and private sector officials together to discuss mutually beneficial policies and project implementation strategies for the Information Technology sector. Funded and implemented by Trade and Development Agency. (Activity #200330035B)	E-Commerce & IT	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Total FY03 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to Southern Asia NS</b>			<b>310,000</b>

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**FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)**  
**SOUTHERN ASIA NS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
<b>South Asia Regional Energy Initiative</b>	Assistance to establish trade-related telecoms, transport, ports, airports, power, water, and industrial zones. The very basis for SARI/Energy is that regional energy cooperation is mandatory to unlock the economic potential of the region. Given the distribution of natural resources in the region (hydro in Nepal and Bhutan and natural gas in Bangladesh) regional energy trade will bring down the input cost of tradable goods and services from the region, and will increase productivity and competitiveness of the region. A major portion of the technical assistance and training SOWs is to improve the regulatory, financial, legal, contractual, technical and financial fundamentals of energy trade within South Asia. Specific examples of activities completed last fiscal: pre-feasibility studies for transmission interconnection between Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal and India-Sri Lanka; two workshops on clean energy trade (gas and hydropower) focusing on barriers and recommended models to address barriers; pre-investment study for gas-fired power for export between Bangladesh and India; training programs on regional grids and energy exchange; and legal/policy/ regulatory framework. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE/SARI/E.	Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	<b>\$ 3,200,000</b>
<b>South Asia Regional Energy Initiative: Business Services Training</b>	Business Services & Training are support to improve the associations and networks in the business sector, as well as to enhance the skills of business people engaged in trade. SARI/Energy support to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to set up the South Asia Regional Energy Coalition, and SAREC's role in turn to create private sector support for policies and project that promote regional energy trade. SAREC's second phase includes capacity building programs for regional trade associations, website hosting for trade opportunities. Executive exchanges through the USEA partnership program to improve understanding of the U.S. energy regulation, transmission and utility frameworks to foster increased private sector investment in these areas in the region. TA resulting in study quantifying the economic loss by industry as a result of poor power quality completed for Sri Lanka - 0.65% GDP loss (and ongoing studies for Bangladesh, Nepal and India). The DTT IPP Benchmarking study could also be part of this category since it is Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE/SARI/E.	Other Trade Facilitation	<b>3,800,000</b>
<b>South Asia Regional Energy Initiative: Environment</b>	Includes assistance to establish environmental standard or to promote environmental technology. Training and technical assistance activities related to the setting up of energy efficiency standards and labeling programs in Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal resulted in the following: formation of voluntary working groups to discuss implementation; a steering committee for harmonization of regional energy efficiency standards for appliances (starting with refrigerators) is under discussion; and harmonization discussions between India and Sri Lanka (countries which already have standards) have been initiated. Funded and implemented by USAID/ANE/SARI/E.	Environmental Trade & Standards	<b>2,000,000</b>



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**SOUTHERN ASIA NS**

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy - Rural Electrification Services	As part of this activity, a number of training courses are being conducted throughout the South Asia Region in order to strengthen the rural energy sector in the countries and to develop an overall climate for cross-border energy trade. Specific examples include electricity trade between Bhutan and India, possible interconnections between Bangladesh, Nepal, and India, and cross-border trade of natural gas between Bangladesh and India. Specific technical assistance and training activities are being implemented that improve the overall power sector profile of the countries in the region including: (1) rationalizing subsidies in the energy sector; (2) implementing antimonopoly policies and allowing private sector participation, such as IPPs; (3) reforming government procurement to make the procedures more transparent and in accordance with international competitive bidding procedures; (4) introducing state-of-the-art power sector technology transfer; (5) encouraging bilateral and multilateral trade finance; (6) promoting investment protection mechanisms through the reform of policies to create a better business climate; and (7) strengthening utilities to rationalize cross-border electricity trade. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/ENV.	Business Services & Training	50,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	50,000
		Other Services Development	50,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	50,000
		Activity Total	200,000
South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Training	One major component of the South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy Training Program is a series of courses on Regional Grids and Cross-Border Energy Trade. The training program is focusing on the agreements that need to be in place before such trade can take place. Each course includes participants from the key potential trading partners in the region, e.g. India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan. Funded and implemented by USAID/EGAT/ENV.	Export Promotion	200,000
		Competition Policy & Foreign Investment	200,000
		Other Services Development	600,000
		Activity Total	1,000,000
FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to SOUTHERN ASIA NS			\$ 10,200,000